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In re Appln. of: Akira NAKANO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/925,579

Filed: August 9, 2001

For: PLASMA PROCESSING APPARATUS
AND SYSTEM, PERFORMANCE
VALIDATION SYSTEM AND INSPECTION
METHOD THEREFOR

Examiner: Rudy ZERVIGON

Art Unit: 1763

Attorney Docket No: 9281-4140

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- ☒ Transmittal Letter, Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages), PTO-1449 (1 page), Copies of 3 References
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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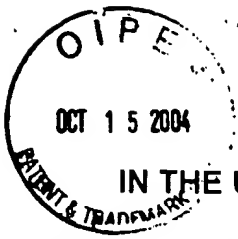
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Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME
5,467,013	11/14/1995	Williams, et al.
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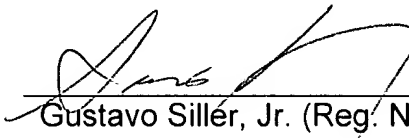
Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Also, enclosed is a copy of the Search Report that issued on August 13, 2004. As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

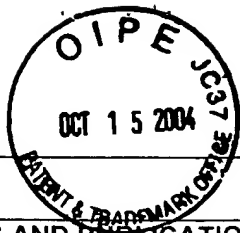
Applicants hereby certify pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2) that no item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c), more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. Accordingly, Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

10/13/2004
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